

## BATTLE RAGES ON REPEAL BILL

Speaker Scheduled to Begin  
Speech Late This After-  
noon.

## TO VOTE AT 6 O'CLOCK.

Clark Will be Allowed an Hour—  
Great Interest Manifested at Capitol—Galleries Crowded.

Washington, March 31.—The House met today to fight to a finish before the adjournment over one of the most vital questions ever to confront that body—the administration proposal to repeal the "free-tolls" clause of the Panama canal act.

A vote on the Sims bill, wiping the provision for the tolls exemption of coastwise shipping from the statute books, will come about 6 o'clock today.

Partisan lines are not apparent today. The principal speeches in opposition to the repeal bill, are scheduled from Speaker Champ Clark and Minority Leader Mann.

It is planned that Speaker Clark will close the debate for the opponents of repeal. He is expected to take the floor about 4 o'clock. He is to have an hour to defend his own position and to strengthen that of members who have opposed the President.

The Speaker has been at work upon his speech for several days. He was in the chair but little yesterday. He spent the day instead in his private office, writing in longhand what undoubtedly will be the effort of his legislative career.

Mr. Clark has carefully guarded his thoughts and has not yet made public advance copies of his speech.

## DENOUNCES SURRENDER.

Rev. George Chalmers Richmond, of Philadelphia, Bitterly Attacks Prominent Men.

Philadelphia, March 31.—Rev. George Chalmers Richmond, rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, in a sermon yesterday on Christ and Our American Rich Men, said:

"We are fast becoming a nation of cowards. Our universities are already hotbeds of undemocratic sentiment. Former President Taft, President Hadley, of Yale, and President Butler, of Columbia, talk and teach almost any kind of doctrine which will ravish and captivate the minds of men of great wealth whose business interests and industrial holdings are of an international character. The pact international has upset the moral gumption of many of our great leaders of thought and life. Of course 'Joe' Choate is in favor of repealing the exemption clause, for Choate is more loyal to English ideas than to American principles of Christian progress."

"We are not a nation of Englishmen. We are Americans, a new kind of man, pioneers in the realm of a new and larger kind of human freedom than England ever dreamed of having."

"The peace ideas of Andrew Carnegie are not in accord with the gospel of Jesus. They come as a result of international hobnobbing with kings, prelates, lords of industry, and haters of American democratic policy. England is afraid of the kind of human freedom she sees growing up in our land. She will trick us if she can. Today, through the blind leadership of President Wilson, who has come under the spell of 'internationalism,' England laughs at our weak-kneed statesmen, who have become blinded by Carnegieism, Choatism, selfishness, and are about to bow the knee to an international loyalty which is against democratic ideas of commercial progress and is opposed to a true Americanism."

New York, March 31.—Charging that Evangelist "Billy" Sunday called him "a fool whose brain was on the melt," at Wilkesbarre, Pa., Charles H. Bell filed suit for \$25,000 in the supreme court here.

## HIGH SCHOOL PLAYS.

Great Treat Promised to Those Who Attend.

A great treat and an equal surprise is in store for those attending the Alexandria High School's entertainment running two consecutive evenings, Thursday and Friday of this week at the Westminster Building.

The students have given much attention to each detail of their performance that their first efforts might meet with approval.

The first part of the program presents a unique play entitled "Every Student," most suited for High School boys and girls wherein such characters as Ambition, Perseverance, Truth, Wisdom, Result, (being either Success or Failure), Bluff, Good Sense, Good Times, Latin, Athletics, Mathematics, etc., all play their part in their time. "Every Student" is on the order of the plays, almost classics, "Every Man," "Every Woman," whose meaning are as much in lines unspoken as spoken and the parts taken have been well studied.

The rehearsal last evening proved that there was much talent among all the students as well as "Every Student." The last half of the program is a dramatization of Tennyson's "Princess" and is more elaborate in production than the former. The lines are read admirably by those taking upon themselves the responsibility, especially the prince whose fervor equal to one of more than sixteen years. His companions, Florian and Cyril, do not lose any of their glory in accompanying him as they too, are well versed and talented in their parts. This little drama gives opportunity for the introduction of pleasing themes, such as the "Poetry of Motion," class of Lady Psyche Tennyson's Bugle Song enacted by a well trained chorus and the favorite lullaby, "Sweet and Low."

The lines are well read by the young ladies, taking the parts of Lady Blanche, Lady Psyche, Melissa, etc., and the princess is one, not only to queen's taste should be said of her, but to the prince's own.

## MUST KEEP SILENT.

Instructs Deputies That Income Returns Are Strictly Confidential.

Richmond, Va., March 31.—Collector of Internal Revenue M. K. Lowry, acting upon instructions from Commissioner of Internal Revenue Osborn, has issued orders to the men engaged in the income tax collection work, that under no circumstances are they to divulge the nature of the returns made to the government by taxpayers.

The commissioner's order, which was addressed to all the collectors of internal revenue, reads as follows:

"The attention of collectors of internal revenue and other officers concerned, is invited to section 3167 of the United States revenue statutes, which prohibits the disclosure of information contained in income and other returns of internal revenue taxpayers."

"All internal revenue officers will preserve as inviolably confidential all income tax returns, as the slightest infraction of the law upon this subject will be severely punished."

It is understood that this sweeping order was issued as the result of charges made in Chicago that the women income tax collectors of that city, who were employed to assess the personal property of the wealthy taxpayers, were talking. There has been no evidence of any character to indicate that the income tax deputies attached to the internal revenue district have been gossiping about the returns, but the promulgation of the commissioner's decree will be a guarantee against any indiscreet conversation in the future.

## Gave Her 'Love Powder.'

New York, March 31.—Annibelle Berardinelli, a handsome young Newark druggist was disfigured for life, when Mrs. Grace Carlesimo, with whom it is alleged he had been friendly, slashed his face with a razor. The Carlesimos lived over Brardinelli's drug store before their separation some time ago. Last Saturday Carlesimo had his wife and the druggist in court on a statutory charge, which was subsequently dismissed. At the time she inferred she had been given a "love powder," but Brardinelli declared all he had ever given her was some magnesia.

## PHYSICIANS MUST PAY LICENSE TAX

Act Exempting Them Takes  
Effect Too Late to Change  
Assessment.

## GETS LEGAL OPINION.

Under the Ruling of the Attorney-General the State Will Save About \$45,000 on Income of Year.

Richmond, Va., March 31.—On advice of the Attorney-General, State Auditor of Public Accounts C. Lee Moore ruled yesterday that physicians and surgeons should be assessed for their 1914 license taxes, as heretofore. The act of the recent General Assembly exempting physicians from payment of licenses will not take effect until June 20, by which date the assessments of this year will have been completed.

Mr. Moore issued yesterday the following official notice to commissioners of revenue:

"The act relieving physicians of the payment of State license tax is not an emergency act; therefore is not in force until on and after June 20; consequently physicians must, for the license year, commencing May 1, 1914, take out license as is provided for in the tax laws of 1912."

This ruling will mean a saving to the State during this year of from \$43,000 to \$45,000.

The act in question became a law without the approval of Governor Stuart. As it will not apply to the 1914 assessment, the new law becomes a moot question, as it is anticipated that the Tax Commission will revise the whole system of license taxes, and in so doing it will not be bound in any way by any act of the recent session. Governor Stuart allowed this bill and the rolling stock act to become law without his signature, holding that both matters should be left open for the consideration of the special session on taxation, which may decide on the entire revision or abolition of the license system, and will certainly consider a plan for segregating to the State all rolling stock taxes. It is stated that the rolling stock act, as recently passed, will have the effect of largely reducing the amount to be paid by the railroads for tax on cars and engines, as the tax will hereafter be paid at local county rates, rather than at the higher city rates, which have heretofore prevailed.

## NOTICE.

A called communication of Alexandria-Washington Lodge, No. 22, A. F. & A. M., will be held at the Temple on Thursday, April 2nd at 2 o'clock P. M., to attend the funeral of our deceased Worshipful Brother, August Oehlert.

By order of the W. M.  
A. G. UHLER, Secy.

## DEATH NOTICE.

ADAM MARTIN, died Monday night, 86 years of age. Funeral from First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Va., Thursday, at 10:30 A. M. No flowers. Burial private. (Washington papers please copy.)

## Notice to Gas Consumers.

Gas Bill for quarter ending March 31, 1914, having been delivered, this is to notify all gas consumers that all bills paid on or before April 1, 1914, are entitled to discount of 30 cents per thousand cubic feet. After that date no discount will be allowed and all delinquents will be required to make early settlement.

By order of Committee on Light.

J. B. WALLER,  
Clerk of Gas.

Steamed Hard Shell and Deviled Crabs, and Cherry Stone Clams at the Rammel Cafe daily.

## CAMERON CLUB LECTURE.

Well Known Speakers to be on the Program.

The Cameron Club invites those interested in civic improvement to attend an address given by Mrs. M. M. Caldwell, of Roanoke, state president of Virginia, of the Federation of Women's Clubs, on Wednesday night at the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Caldwell will tell of the varied work in civics and health, especially in the public schools throughout the state accomplished by the club work of women.

Dr. Lewellyn Powell will show the audience the benefit of the work here in Alexandria initiated by the Cameron Clubs' placing a medical inspector in the public schools. Mr. Conrad Johnson, principal of the High School, and Mr. M. Fisher, principal of the grammar school, will also speak of some interesting facts regarding the school work. The Cameron Club has invited the teachers and Parents Association, recently organized, to attend this meeting.

The Club will hold an all day session Thursday at the Westminster Building, beginning at 10:45 a. m.

A number of prominent club women are to give addresses in the morning, promising a most attractive and instructive program. The speakers are Mrs. William E. Andrews, of the National Board of the Federation of Women's Clubs, Mrs. Ellis Logan, president of the Women's Clubs, of the District of Columbia, Mrs. J. M. Townsend, president of Women's Club, of Montgomery county, Md., Mrs. Frank Israel, president of Women's Clubs of Fairfax county, Va., and Mrs. Kate Waller Barrett, president of the National Council of Women. After a luncheon arranged by the club for the convenience of the out-of-town attendants and the club members, a more informal meeting will take place which will be of interest to club women as a round table talk responded to by the various club presidents telling of their local work will be the afternoon session's program.

The meeting will adjourn at four to be followed by a meeting at the home of Mrs. Kate Waller Barrett, where they will meet in conjunction with the wheel club of Washington.

## WILSON DEFENDS REPEAL.

Advises Repudiation of Plank in National Platform.

Washington, March 31.—President Wilson declared yesterday that on account of the contradictory statements in the Baltimore platform Democrats should have no hesitation in voting for the repeal of the Panama Canal tolls exemption.

The President emphatically characterized the exemption as a subsidy and pointed out that one plank in the Baltimore platform expressed opposition to any subsidy, direct or indirect, while another plank declared for tolls exemption. The President asserted there should be no doubt among Democrats as to which should take precedence.

Mr. Wilson reiterated that exemption never was a policy of the Democratic House because it was passed through a coalition of Republicans and a minority of Democrats, the majority of Democrats voting against it on the ground that it was a subsidy.

The President explained that even if the international situation to which he referred in his message had not arisen, he would have been opposed to the tolls exemption as against Democratic doctrine. But he indicated that if it were not for the international situation he did not feel that it would have been proper for him to question the acts of a previous administration.

The President said he had no anxiety over any political friction in the Democratic party over the result, and referred to the repeal contest as not a "capital operation" but just a "convalescence."

Mr. Wilson let it be known that he was unqualifiedly opposed to any compromise or amendments, such as have been proposed in the Senate. He is for a straight repeal without equivocation.

Former Lieutenant Governor H. T. Miller, of Indiana, will seek the Republican nomination for United States Senator.

## TORREON STILL HOLDING OUT

Defenders, However, Said to  
be Ready to Surrender  
Garrison.

## VELASCO DELIRIOUS.

Villa Said to be Waiting Orders From Carranza as to Terms With Federal Commander.

Juarez, Mexico, March 31.—Reports that an armistice is in effect between Mexican federalists and rebels at Torreon, in order that General Jose Refugio Velasco, the federal commander, may treat for the surrender of the city to General Villa, were practically confirmed today by officers close to Gen. Venustiano Carranza, first chief of the Mexican revolution.

It was impossible to learn from Carranza himself whether the report was true, because he refused to be seen by newspaper men, but it was stated on high authority that he had received news to the effect that Villa, who had put the whole matter up to his chief, and caused a cessation of hostilities while awaiting the reply. Carranza is said to have replied to his message, but what course he outlined is not known.

General Velasco, Federal commander at Torreon, went wildly insane while raging up and down the trenches at Gomez Palacio, in one of the seven assaults made by the constitutionalists before that stronghold was taken, according to Robert Dorman, staff photographer of the El Paso Morning Times, who reached El Paso late Monday night, direct from the battlefield.

Federal soldiers were compelled to overpower their chief and lock him in a room in a hotel until he had recovered his senses.

It was Velasco's absence from the firing line which caused the circulation of rumors that he had been slain in battle. His bravery was noted by every one at the front, and ultimately his death was looked for by every one who observed his courage and unnecessary exposure to the fire of the enemy.

Dorman said Col. Victoriano Huerta, son of the Mexican dictator, was killed in the trenches at Gomez Palacio in one of the earlier attacks, according to federal prisoners taken by Villa. Colonel Huerta had displayed marked valor, they declared.

## LADY MACCABEES MEET.

Virginia Hives Began Grand Rally in Richmond.

Richmond, Va., March 31.—The Virginia Hives of the Lady Maccabees of the World, a fraternal organization exclusively for women, began a grand rally here today in the fraternity hall. Besides numerous representatives from Norfolk, Portsmouth, Berkeley, Newport News, Roanoke, Lynchburg, and Charlottesville, the local hives were honored with the presence of Miss Bina M. West, supreme commander. A class of fifty new members were initiated.

The Lady Maccabees of the World began in 1892, with headquarters in Port Huron, Mich. The fraternity has been under excellent management and has progressed wonderfully during its short life. It offers good insurance protection to its members besides being a social organization of high type. The organization now has a fund of \$7,188,153, all of which is invested in strong securities.

The local hives have arranged an elaborate entertainment for the visitors, and today after the service, a banquet will be served at the hall.

For the past month, Miss England, of Norfolk, state commander, has been in the city, assisting a joint degree team, that will exemplify the ritual at the initiations to-day. There are over 500 members of the organization in Richmond.

About 250 square inches of skin are being drafted on Mrs. A. O. Price, a prominent clubwoman, of Morgantown, W. Va.

## LOCAL BREVITIES.

Eugene B. Taylor delivered an interesting lecture last night in the parish hall of Christ Episcopal Church.

The State Corporation Commission has granted a charter to the G. W. Offutt Powder Company, Incorporated, Alexandria Courthouse, Rosslyn. \$2,000. G. W. Offutt, president, G. W. Offutt, Jr., secretary, both of Washington, D. C.

In the Circuit Court for the city in vacation today the will of the late J. C. Creighton was admitted to probate. Messrs. Frank C., and J. C. Creighton qualified as administrators.

## THE WHITE SOX.

First Practice—Elect Officers for the Season.

The White Sox were out for their first practice Sunday, after which they called a meeting for the purpose of electing officers for the season, which resulted as follows:

Mr. Elmore Mudd, was elected President and manager, Mr. Earl Carlton Wells was elected captain.

They expect to have practice three times during each week in order to get ready for their opening game, which is to be played Sunday, April 12, with that strong team of Washington, D. C., the Rex Athletic Club.

Manager Mudd has a very good schedule of games booked with several of the strongest teams of the District and Clarendon.

## "HIGHER CRITICISM."

Pictures Christ as Greatest Socialist.

New York, March 31.—That the theological seminaries of the country, and those professors and ministers who teach the "higher criticism" are doing more than perhaps any other class to advance the social revolution was the startling statement of Bouck White, author of "The Call of the Carpenter," whose new book, "The Carpenter and the Rich Man," has just been published.

"I am a graduate of Union Theological Seminary, of New York," said Mr. White. "Some of my comrades of the revolution look coldly on the seminary up there shouldering Columbia University they regard the men engaged in modern Biblical scholarship as a set of academic owls quite blind to and unconcerned with the economic upheaval of our time. Vastly in error. The professors at Union, and whosoever teaches the higher criticism, are doing more than perhaps any other group to advance the socialism in which we believe."

"Christendom reposes upon a book, the Bible. So long as that Bible was supposed to teach peace and quietness, Christendom had peace and quietness. But now comes Biblical scholarship, and show, by cool mastery science, the Bible is one long against the arrogance of the moneyed mighty."

"Scholarship, as found at Union and elsewhere," he continued, "teaches that Moses, with whom the authentic narrative commences, was a labor leader—commissioned by the most high to organize the brickmakers in the Goshen plant. He was a saboteur, too; he slew in that strike, one of the Egyptians, the masterclass. Thus the book of Exodus is the story of a labor walk-out. The Bible is one long argumentation of the thesis that the working class, is God's elect."

"The Carpenter of Galilee, was, if anything, a more intensely class conscious revolutionist than the old Testament agitators. The common people heard him gladly. And the charge upon which he met his death was 'He stirreth up the people.'"

## Fifteen Babies Lost.

New York, March 31.—All records for lost babies were broken yesterday at the west seventeenth station, where Lieutenant Ivory had to assign a special squad to watch fifteen youngsters who were all waiting to be called for.

All had been brought in between noon and six o'clock. It was a big bargain day in the shopping section, and mothers had missed progeny while saving money.

## BIG ORDER FOR ARMY WAGONS

Will Put Quarter-Master  
General's Department  
Under War Footing.

## TO HAVE 700 HORSES.

Summer Manoeuvres Will Require  
Great Expenditure and a Considerable Amount of Labor.

Richmond, Va., March 31.—Sixty army escort wagons for the use of the Virginia militia were ordered yesterday from the War Department by Adjutant-General W. W. Sale.

The requisition was made on recommendation of Lieutenant-Colonel Allen Potts, Quartermaster-General of Virginia Volunteers, who is rapidly getting his department upon a war footing. The wagons will be delivered immediately, and will be used for the first time in transporting supplies for the troops participating in the manoeuvres in and around Washington this summer.

General Sale has received a number of communications from General Evans, U. S. A., commander of the Department of the East, relative to the big war game which will be staged in this state. The arrangements for the manoeuvres have not been completed, however, and about the only thing definitely settled is the fact that Virginia, the largest unit of the eighth division of the National Guard, will form part of the defending army which will repel attack upon the capital by the seventh division, composed wholly of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland and West Virginia troops will assist the Virginia militiamen.

In order to give some idea of the work connected with the manoeuvres, it will be necessary to furnish more than 700 horses and mules for the troops of Virginia alone. The State officials have not yet been informed whether the animals must be supplied by them, or whether the War Department will provide them. If the former, it may be necessary for the State to buy the horses, as was done two years ago, when the First Battalion, Field Artillery, went into camp at Taylor's Crossing.

The horses were afterwards sold at about the cost prices, but if this procedure is to be adopted again, it will be necessary to open negotiations in a short time, as it is a different undertaking to get horses equal to the heavy tasks which they will be forced to do.

The War Department has notified General Sale that \$25,000 will be the amount of Virginia's allotment for the manoeuvres. In addition to this sum there will be \$20,000 available from the annual general appropriation. The pay of the troops will be nearly \$20,000, railroad fares, \$12,000, and food, forage for the horses and incidental expenses will take up the balance. If the State furnishes its own horses the money at hand will not be sufficient to meet the demands, as there is no provision under the Virginia law for an appropriation from State funds.

No date has yet been set for the war game. The War Department has requested the military authorities of each State to notify it in regard to the most convenient time. General Sale has selected from August 1 to 15 as the best time for the troops of this state, but the War Department will make no decision until the other troops are consulted.

With the arrival of the wagons ordered yesterday, the State will have seventy-nine wagons and twelve ambulances at its disposal. This number is required as the equipment in time of actual service. The new wagons will be stored at the state camp site at Virginia Beach, with the exception of twenty, which will be kept here at the local armories.

Each of the wagons requires four mules, making a total of 316. The three batteries of artillery need 312 horses, while the individual mules for the officers will be less than 100. It is not thought possible that this number of animals could be rounded up in Virginia for the ten days of the manoeuvres.